Launching of National Initiative for Child Protection

3596. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched a National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) for welfare of children;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the number of schemes/works taken up under the programme in the country with special reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether NICP also envisages setting up of Centres for rehabilitation of child labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) is a campaign initiated through the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) and Childline India Foundation (CIF). It aims at forming partnership between different allied systems with a view to enhancing access to various services such as health care, education etc. It also provides for training of people working in the allied systems in order to make them more effective.

(c) National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) is not a scheme or project based programme. It is a campaign based initiative which takes up training programme etc. for various categories of social workers and concerned Government employees. Under the National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) Childline Services have been spread to 38 cities, including three in Andhra Pradesh *viz.*, Hyderabad, Vishakapatnam and Vijayawada.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Inclusion of sub-communities in SC, ST and OBC List

†3597. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the sub-communities (Castes) included in the categories of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and O.B.C. in Himachal Pradesh;

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